

Admissions FAQs

NEW STUDENTS

- **Who is eligible to attend Rhodes School for the Performing Arts (RSPA)?**

Rhodes School for the Performing Arts is an open-enrollment public school that serves *PK-4 through 8th grade students. Students who live in the following school districts may apply: Aldine, Alief, Channelview, Crosby, Cy-Fair, Fort Bend, Galena Park, Goose Creek, Houston, Humble, Pasadena, Pearland, Sheldon and Spring.

****PK-4 students must meet federal eligibility requirements.***

- **Is your PK-4 a half or a full day program?**

PK-4 is a full day program.

- **What are the Eligibility Requirements for PK-4?**

A child must be 4 years old for PK-4 on or before September 1 and meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be Limited English Proficient (i.e. does not speak or comprehend the English language); or
2. Be Economically disadvantaged, determined by eligibility to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program established under 42 U.S.C. Section 1751 et seq.; or

3. Be Homeless (without a home, and typically living on the street), regardless of the residence of the child, of either parent of the child, or of the child's guardian or other person having lawful control of the child; or
4. Be a child of an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces, who is ordered to active duty by proper authority; or
5. The child of a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the National Guard or a reserve component of the armed forces, who was injured or killed while serving on active duty; or
6. Is or has ever been in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services following an adversary hearing held as provided by Section 262.201, Family Code.
7. Is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award as: a peace officer under Texas Government Code 3106.002, a firefighter under Texas Government Code 3106.003, an emergency medical first responder under Texas Government Code 3106.004.

****The age and qualifying guidelines are set by the State of Texas, not Rhodes School for the Performing Arts.***

- **How old does my child need to be to apply for Kindergarten?**

Students must be 5 years old by September 1st to be eligible to enroll in Kindergarten.

- **How much does it cost to attend Rhodes School for the Performing Arts?**

There is no tuition however there are Activity Fees.

- **What is included in the Activity Fee pricing?**

Learning Labs including transportation plus RSPA's Fine Arts program and it's related expenses. Please be advised that the fee is non-refundable.

- **How can I sign up to tour the campus my student will attend?**

Please contact the campus directly to schedule a tour. Designated days will be available.

- **How do I apply for my new student?**

To apply, go online to <http://rhodesschool.org/admission>. Please be advised that completing the application of interest is only the first step, and does not guarantee enrollment.

- **Can I submit one New Student Application of Interest at multiple campuses for the same student?**

You are only allowed to submit one application. If you submit more than one application for the same student, only the first one will count and all others will be voided. Please choose a campus closest to your address.

- **What happens after I submit an Application of Interest Form?**

Once you have completed the Application of Interest Form, your child will be entered into a lottery process. The lottery process will be conducted after the Open Enrollment period closes. Open Enrollment period is December - March. The lottery will take place at the end of March. If applying after lottery has taken place, your child will automatically be placed on our waitlist and as space becomes available offers are made to families on our waitlist.

- **How will I learn the results of the lottery and know if my student has been granted a seat?**

You will be notified via email if you have been granted a seat or not at RSPA. It is important to ensure that RSPA has the most updated contact information (phone, mailing address and email address).

- **How does the lottery work?**

Students' names are drawn at random and every student will be given a number in the order his/her name was drawn.

Each RSPA campus is focused on, when possible, serving families in the community near each school. We encourage families to fill out a form for the campus where they have priority based on their zip code. Where open seats are available, children receive prioritization in the lottery for each RSPA campus in the following order:

- a. Siblings of students who currently attend RSPA.
- b. Students whose parent/guardian is a member of the Board of Directors or an Employee at RSPA.
- c. Eligible students who attend one of our onsite early learning programs for the full year.
- d. Eligible students who live in a specific RSPA campus zip code zone.
- e. Eligible students who live outside the zip code zone of the RSPA campus they are applying to.

- **How does Rhodes School for the Performing Arts define a “sibling” for enrollment purposes?**

“Sibling” means a person with whom a child shares one or both parents in common by blood, adoption, or marriage, even if the marriage was terminated by death or dissolution. Siblings reside at least 50% of the time in the same household.

- **How will my twins/triplets/multiples be handled in the lottery process?**

Parents of twins, triplets, or multiples applying to the same grade will complete one New Student Application of Interest Form per child. Twins, triplets or multiples applying to the same grade will receive a unique lottery number per child and will be placed during the lottery into the desired grade or wait list in individual, yet consecutive, slots.

- **If I am applying for full-time employment at RSPA, will my child be given preference in the lottery?**

Children of prospective full-time employees will participate in the lottery without the employee preference. The availability of seats and student placement will be discussed at the time of employment.

- **What happens once I am notified that my child(ren) has been granted an available seat?**

All students who have been granted an available seat must complete a registration packet. A link will be emailed to the e-mail address provided to complete.

- **What if my child does not make the lottery this school year?**

If your child's name is not selected in the lottery and all of the open seats at your RSPA campus in the appropriate grade level are filled, your child's name will be placed on the school's waiting list for that school year only. Waitlists are not carried forward from year to year. If you are not contacted about enrollment during the current school year, you will have to reapply the following year.

- **Will my student have to participate in the lottery each year?**

Once officially enrolled, all RSPA students will remain enrolled for future years, subject to continued residency within the district, and other academic and disciplinary guidelines as stated in the Student Handbook. In the winter of each school year, you will be asked to complete a Notice of Intent to Return for the next school year to ensure your spot.

- **Will my child be able to enroll mid-year?**

Yes, in the event that a seat becomes available during the first semester of any school year, the Admissions Office will contact the family at the top of the waitlist for that grade to discuss their interest.

- **What is a New Parent Orientation?**

Orientation is mandatory for all new and returning students. They are designed to ensure that your family's experience at RSPA is successful and positioned for academic success.

- **What is an Informational Session?**

This allows prospective parents an overview of our school and what they can expect if their family decides to become part of our school community. New Parent Informational Sessions give parents insight about our academic philosophy, academic plan, school life, and activities, and a detailed explanation of the enrollment process. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer period. New Parent Informational Session dates will be emailed to all prospective families once they have been scheduled.

RETURNING STUDENTS

- **Do current RSPA students need to re-enroll each year?**

Yes. Rhodes School students have to re-enroll each year to guarantee your spot for the upcoming year. Failure to re-enroll will result in you forfeiting your spot for the new school year.

- **What is the process of re-enrollment?**

Re-enrollment is a 2-part process. During the first part, you will be sent a link via email to complete the Intent to Return. The first part must be completed by January 31st. If you do not complete the first part by the deadline you will forfeit your spot and have to re-apply as a new student. The second part of re-enrollment will take place beginning of April where parents will be sent a link to complete all forms necessary to re-enroll your child for the new school year. Email and text notifications will be sent out to parents when the second part of re-enrollment is ready for you to complete. It is important that RSPA has the most updated contact information (phone, mailing address and email address). By State Law, we are required to have updated forms every school year for each student.

- **Whom can I contact to discuss questions related to enrollment that are not covered on the Enrollment page or FAQ page of the school's website?**

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